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Notes and graphics used in meetings

Thursday, 19 June 1975
1030 - 1330 hours
DDI Conference Room
Session with Senate Select Committee Staffers
Ms. Lynn Davis
Mr. William Bader
Mr. James O'Flaherty

Wednesday, 25 June 1975
1330 - 1440 hours
Mr. Proctor's office
Session with Ms. Lynn Davis

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Importance of DDO collection to Finished Intelligence

In order to put the problem in perspective, I shall describe the nature of our finsihed intelligence in terms of coverage and sources.
--Then I will focus in on DDO reporting per se.

Before getting into this, let me make a few observations about the measurement of the importance of collection programs.
--There is no single measure of the importance of DDO collection--or for that matter reporting from any other collection program.
--Importance of any particular collection programs varies in terms of:
TOPIC under study: Monetary developments vs Missiles
Geographic area : Open society with good press
Closed society with controlled pres
Backward society with no press.
NEEDS of consumers: Treasury needs for information different from that of SALT deleg

Measures of the importance of various collection prog: are affected by a basic principle:
--We try to get our information first from overt and other non-sensitive sources before turning to the more costly or more risky types of collectio
: Open Sources [redacted] Newspapers, open literature)
Embassy sources (State, Mil attache, Treas attach DCD
Technical Sources: SIGINT, TKH
Clandestine sources (Liaison, and established sources and then recruiting new sources)

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In order for us to understand the contribution of various sources of information, we do a continuous survey of selected finished intelligence publication --broken down by geographic and topical coverage
Before discussing the results of our survey, let me note a few caveats regarding the statistics I shall present.

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Not all finished intelligence publications are included in this survey:

--We have selected two basic types as indicative of overall production: the National Intelligence Bulletin and the various monographs we produce.

Chart 1 for coverage of Current Intelligence.

Chart 2 for coverage of our major monographs--Intelligence Memoranda and Intelligence Reports.

You should realize that all our finished intelligence production is "all-source"--that is, it is based on all sources of information available to the US Government--not just official reporting, but also that which is in the open literature.

--Seldom do we write a paper which is based on a single source or even single collection program.

How. Based on analysts' judgments of how each of some dozen types of ~~sources~~ collectors contributed to current intelligence item or monograph involved.

:KEY: of such importance that basic conclusion and findings could not have been reached without that kind of collection.

:Supplemental: important to paper but not essential to basic conclusions.

:Background:

:Not applicable

. Statistic nothing more than frequency counts for which KEY was checked--not weighted with regard to importance to national security or policy formulation.

. Not a basis for making resource decisions.

. Met test of worthy of publication, only.

. Important interrelated factors:

1. . Nature of publications surveyed.
2. . Nature of collection programs.

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[1. includes NIB for current intelligence and only monographs of CIA--not NIEs or product of other agencies.]

[2. access to targets:

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--denied areas require peripheral collection (e.g., [redacted] SIGINT, KH).
--Continuity of reporting: KH batch; others flow.
--Subject matter: political affects over 100 countries; economics, dozens; military, a few.
. So sources good for political show high count; those for military relatively low count; economic in between.]

Results: As shown in Chart 3, numbers will add to more than 100% because our products draw on all sources bearing on subject under consideration.
--Even with three-part breakdown totals are 127% for current and 145% for monographs.
--Discuss Charts 3, 4, and 5.
--Discuss Charts 6 and 7 regarding human sources with emphasis on clandestine collection.
. Note includes DCD collection as follows:
:DCD strongest on economic and scientific from academia and businesses and banks involved in trade, oil, and monetary affairs.
:Strong in Middle East, USSR, and some China.
:Most of its impact is on monographs reflecting research in depth rather than current reporting.
--Clandestine reporting registered here does not include contribution from DDO's SIGINT efforts from:
. Third Parties, Close-in support and Cryptologic assistance, which are very important.

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